

Jan'y 16.

RETURNED FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

A. B. Alexander, assistant in charge of the division of statistics and fisheries of the Bureau of Fisheries, and who for the past three years has represented the United States, as the representative of the State department at Bay of Islands, N. F., there to view the herring situation and look after the rights of American vessels, arrived home Thursday evening from the latter place.

Representing the state department in his work there, Mr. Alexander is not at liberty to discuss matters of the past season from a government standpoint, but from the standpoint of an observer says that the season has been manifestly a failure.

The usual body of herring did not seem to enter the bay and frequent the Arms where the herring fishery is usually carried on. The fish were late in striking in and days of frost had not been too plenty, although there had been an unusually large fall of snow.

He left Birchy Cove last Monday and at that time herring were very scarce and there was frost. The Goose and Penguin Arms were completely frozen over and the Humber was also frozen over solid for a distance of 14 miles and the ice was extending down towards Woody Island.

The report there when he left was to the effect that the gulf ice was 25 or 30 miles down this side of Port Sanders and the skippers were fearful of a stiff breeze on the northern board, which would drive it rapidly down on Bay of Islands.

When he left, from what he could learn, about all the vessels were making preparations to leave for home with whatever cargo they happened to have.

Mr. Alexander will stay here a few days and then proceed to Washington, to prepare his report for Secretary Root.

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SIXTY MILLION COD FISH EGGS.

Collected This Season for Local Hatchery.

Capt. G. F. O. Hanson of the U. S. Fish Commission sch. Grampus, who had charge of the cod egg collecting work off Plymouth for the Ten Pound Island hatchery, arrived home yesterday. The work had to be stopped on account of some trouble with the boilers of the steamer Seven Brothers, which was chartered by the government for this winter's work.

The Seven Brothers arrived here last night, and it is expected that she will be returned to the owners. The department is now looking for another craft to continue the work.

Capt. Hanson reports a very successful season since January 1, having taken 60,000,000 cod eggs, which is good work, considering the short time engaged. However, about 150,000,000 cod eggs are needed for the Ten Pound Island hatchery, so the department is looking for another steamer to continue the work.

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Mackerel Notes.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date are 39,617 barrels, against 21,325 barrels at this port last year.

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Shore Herring.

Longest Season on Record Now Probably Ended.

The boats began to bring in herring the latter part of last August and up to two days ago have been able to look after the needs of vessels and salters in good shape. Yesterday the boats did not get a flip and last night the dipping was in rain. ❄❄❄❄❄❄

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Massachusetts, The Gully, 25,000 lbs. halibut, 2000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Laura and Marion, Cundy's Harbor, Me., cured fish and smoked herring.
Sch. Avalon, Bay of Islands, N. F., 700 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Bohemia, Bay of Islands, N. F., 700 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Bay of Islands, N. F.
Sch. Matiana, shore.
Sch. Ramona, shore.
Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Bay of Islands, N. F., 675 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Essex, Bay of Islands, N. F., 650 bbls. frozen herring, 130 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Flavilla, shore.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., shore.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Galatea, shore.
Sch. Dorothy, shore.

Boston.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 6500 cod.
Sch. Sylvester, 2000 cod.
Sch. Massasolt, 500 haddock, 7000 cod, 1200 pollock.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 2500 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Yankee, 3500 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Marguerite, 4500 cod.
Haddock, \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2.50; pollock, \$3.50; hake, \$1.25.

Miscellaneous Movements.

Capt. George Steele will now command sch. Mary A. Whalen in the winter haddock fishery.

Today's Fish Market.

Ground pollock, 55 cts per cwt.; gutted, 60 cents.
Salt George cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut 11 cts. per lb for white and 8 cts for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.
Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3 for markets.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.75; mediums, \$1.37½; Eastern cod, large \$1.75; medium \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.1 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.
Eastern deck handline cod, \$4.00 for large and \$3.00 for medium.

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HERRING VESSEL LOST WITH CREW.

SCH. SWALLOW OF ST. JOHN'S,
N. F., WRECKED ON LONG
ISLAND.

CRAFT HAD CREW OF SIX OR
SEVEN MEN BESIDES THE
CAPTAIN.

The St. John's, N. F., sch. Swallow, laden with frozen herring, from Green Bay, via her home port, went ashore early Sunday morning, during a heavy gale and driving snow storm, on the Long Island, N. Y., shore. She is a total loss and it is believed that all her crew, including Capt. George G. Doggett, her commander, have been lost.

The beach for several miles east of Fire Island is strewn with bits of wreckage of craft and cargo. The name board of the craft "Swallow, St. John's, N. F." was picked up on the beach.

The Swallow left St. John's about two weeks ago, and according to dispatches from that place was supposed to put in here and stop on her way to New York. The craft has not been in this harbor, and it is supposed that she went straight for New York and was caught in the big gale of Saturday night and Sunday, in the vicinity of Fire Island, struck on the beach and went to pieces. Capt. Doggett left St. John's in the vessel, so it is believed that he is among the lost ones.

The lost craft belongs at Pilley Island, say the St. John's dispatches, and her crew all came from that place their names are not known. She probably carried six or seven men.

The craft was not seen when she struck, by any of the surf patrol and even had the disaster been observed nothing could have been done to save the crew, so wild was the storm.

It was at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, while a patrol from the Blue Point life-saving station a few miles east of Fire Island, was toiling through the storm, he saw some black objects bobbing about in the surf, close to the shore. He hauled some in, and finding them to be new wreckage, hurried back to his station to report and get aid.

Other life savers were soon on the scene hauling in the wreckage and making a study of it.

There were timbers new lumber, frozen herring and fishing tackle, and finally a signboard or two which told the vessel's name.

The life savers stood by and patrolled the beach all day in the hope that they might find some trace of the crew, but nightfall came and their quest had been in vain.

It is supposed that the Swallow carried a deckload of lumber to help make the trip pay. In the storm the skipper probably lost his bearings and his vessel struck on one of the many sand bars a mile or so off shore near the Blue Point station. There the wind and the heavy sea soon smashed the boat to bits and the men aboard were undoubtedly soon lost in the sea.

The Swallow according to the Marine Register, was a schooner of 73 tons. She was built 30 years ago at Mose's River and was owned by John Dawson of St. John's.

Capt. Doggett of the Swallow was quite well known here having been in the employ of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., for several seasons, up to a year ago. While with this concern he was engaged in securing herring and other fish at White and Green Bays. He had been here several times and was a man fully posted on the fishing in that wild and desolate region.

The past season he had been as usual at White and Green Bays, and with E. Redman, a Scotch herring expert, five Scotch women, two vessels and 50 fishermen had been engaged in catching herring and preparing them for the salted market, putting them up in the fancy Scotch method. Some 2000 barrels were secured at White and Green bays and shipped to Scotland. Mr. Redman and the women returned to St. John's two weeks ago Saturday night, leaving Capt. Doggett behind engaged in freezing herring for the New York market.